

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A roof module for a motor vehicle body comprising a reinforcing frame (2) and a roof panel (1) fastened thereto[[. Said]] , said reinforcing frame (2) ~~can be~~ being fastened to the motor vehicle body (3) by means of screw connections and adhesive bonds (8, 5) , ~~characterized in that~~ said reinforcing frame (2) or said roof panel (1)   
5 ~~has~~ having a folded flange (11) at [[the]] an edge shaped to a U section (12), and ~~that~~ an edge strip (10, 13) of the roof panel (1) or reinforcing frame (2) engages into said U section (12) and is bonded there to the reinforcing frame (2) or roof panel (1), and that [[the]] said roof panel in a vertical projection is greater than a roof opening in the motor vehicle body (3).

2. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an external joint between the folded flange (11) and the roof panel (1) is sealed.

3. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said U section (12) in the area of a front window at the outside has a support (14) for the front window.

4. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said roof panel (1) in the area of the front window has a step (15), whose height roughly corresponds to the thickness of the front window.

5. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1 to 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said U section (12) in the door area at the outside has a support (16) for the side window and/or side window pane seal.

6. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to Claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said roof panel (1) in the door area has a step (17), whose height roughly corresponds to the thickness of the side window and/or side window pane seal.

7. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1 to 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said roof panel (1) and/or reinforcing frame (2) are comprised of pretreated and/or prelacquered metal sheets.

8. (New) A roof module for assembly with a motor vehicle body having than a roof opening, the roof module comprising:

a reinforcing frame

a roof panel fastened to said reinforcing frame, said reinforcing frame being fastenable  
5 to the motor vehicle body by means of one or more of screw connections and adhesive bonds,  
one of said reinforcing frame and said roof panel having a folded flange at an edge of a U  
section and one of said reinforcing frame and said roof panel having an edge strip engaging into  
said U section and bonded to the other of said reinforcing frame and said roof panel, said roof  
panel in a vertical projection being greater than the roof opening.

9. (New) A roof module pursuant to claim 8, wherein an external joint is formed between said folded flange and said roof panel and is sealed.

10. (New) A roof module pursuant to claim 8, wherein said U section in the area of a front window at the outside has a support for the front window.

11. (New) A roof module pursuant to claim 10, wherein said roof panel in an area of a front window has a step, whose height roughly corresponds to the thickness of the front window.

12. (New) A roof module pursuant to claim 8, wherein said U section in a door area at the outside has a support for the side window and/or side window pane seal.

13. (New) A roof module pursuant to claim 5, wherein said roof panel in the door area has a step, whose height roughly corresponds to the thickness of the side window and/or side window pane seal.

14. (New) A roof module pursuant to claim 8, wherein said roof panel and/or reinforcing frame are comprised of pretreated and/or prelacquered metal sheets.